GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS TO STATES ON EXPORT PERFORMANCE .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have created a Corpus of fund which will devolve to the States on the basis of their export performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have also urged the State Government to announce their fiscal policies on SEZs; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the creation of fund will encourage various States to promote exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. The Department of Commerce has recently notified a newscheme called `ASIDE`(Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development and Exports). The scheme proposes to providefunds to State Governments / Union Territories for export promotion. Under the scheme 20% of the total fund will remain with the Union Government and 80% of the funds will be given to State Governments / Union Territories . Out of this 80% of fund , 50% will be given to State Governments / Union Territories on the basis of their export performance and 50% for their export growth.

(c) : Yes Sir.

(d) : The ASIDE Scheme will encourage the State Governments / Union Territories to promoteexports by creating appropriate export infrastructure and by providing facilitation for export promotion.